

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are currently active.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 18-21 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claim 18 has been amended to include "castors". Claim 26, as amended, now depends on Claim 21.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 2, 11 and 12 as being unpatentable over Abraham in view of Sadow. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 1 has the limitation of "the cable separate and apart from the handle for releasing the wheel unit". Abraham has no cable. Abraham teaches for a user to hook his foot under the bottom arm 65 and pull up. See figures 2-4. Sadow fails to teach a cable and an auxiliary wheel unit. It is respectfully submitted even combining these two references fails to arrive at this limitation in Claim 1 of applicant. Accordingly, Claim 2, which is dependent to parent Claim 1 is patentable over the applied art of record.

Claim 11 is patentable over the applied art of record for the reasons Claim 1 is patentable. Claim 12 is dependent to parent Claim 11 and is patentable for the reasons Claim 11 is patentable.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 3-6, 13 and 14 over Abraham in view of Sadow in view of Kim. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Kim teaches a garment back, with no auxiliary wheel unit. Abraham teaches to pull on the auxiliary wheel unit and not to use a cable to open it. There is no reason one skilled in the art would combine these teachings except for hindsight from applicant's claims and that is not patent law.

Claims 3-6 are dependent to Claim 1 and are patentable for the reasons Claim 1 is patentable. Claims 13 and 14 are dependent to Claim 11 and are patentable for the reasons Claim 11 is patentable.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 18-26 as being unpatentable over Kuo '888 in view of Kuo '981 or Abraham. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

In regard to Claims 18-26, there is the limitation that the casters fit into the slots when the wheel unit is in a retracted state. Kuo '888 only teaches a single castor in the auxiliary wheel unit, not two castors, and does not teach or suggest anything about the castors

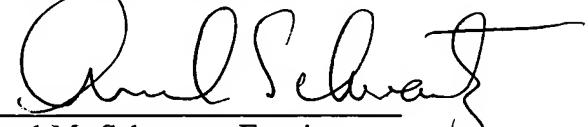
fitting into the slots of the housing when the wheel unit is in a retracted state. Kuo '888 does not teach or suggest any type of slots for auxiliary wheel 32. It does not matter that Kuo '981 or Abraham teaches a plurality of wheels because Kuo '888 already teaches a plurality of wheels but not a plurality of castors with associated slots. Accordingly, Claims 18-26 are patentable over the applied art of record.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejections and objections to this application be reconsidered and withdrawn, and Claims 1-26, now in this application be allowed.

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